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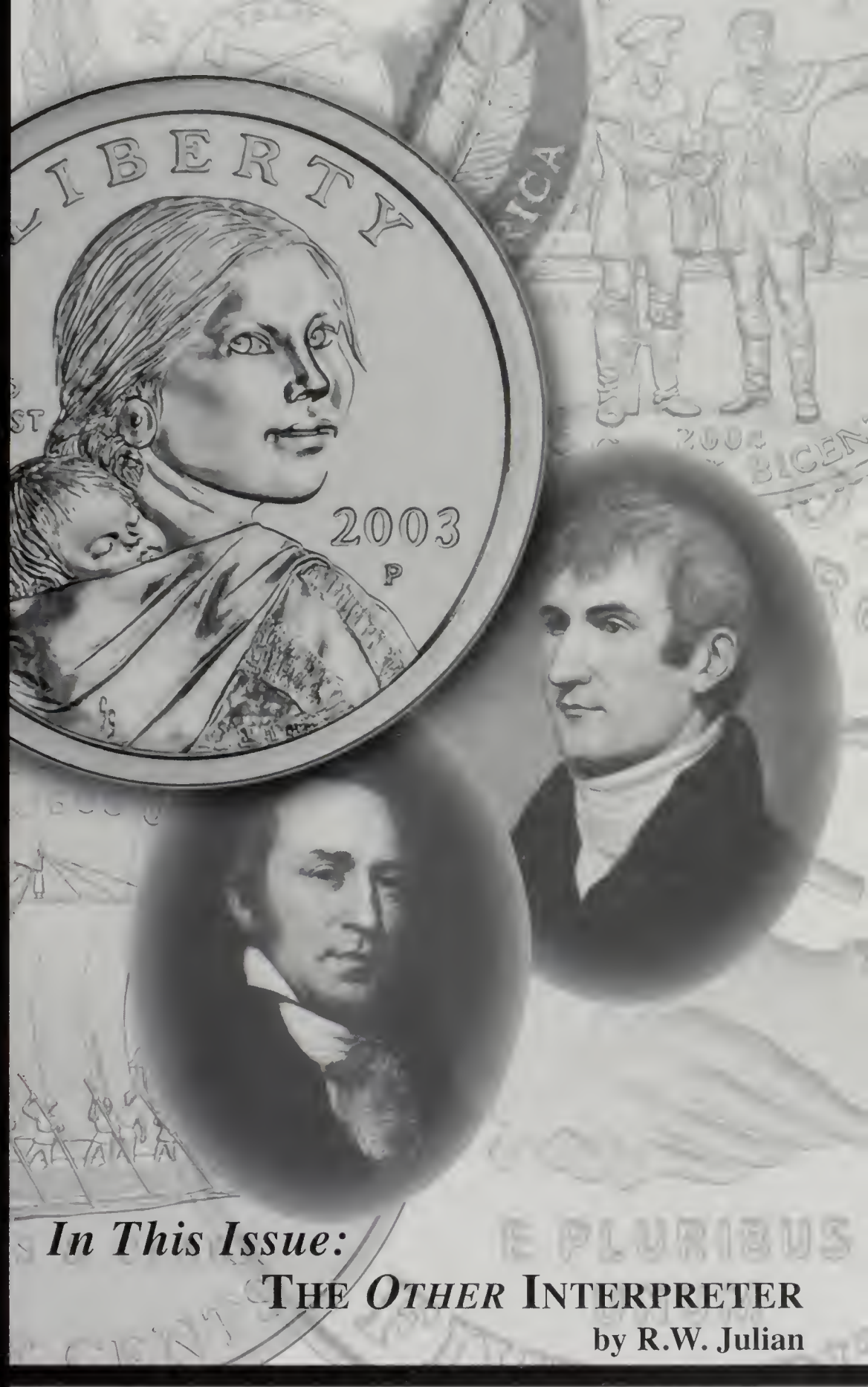

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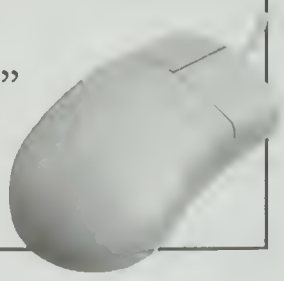

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President Marvin Mericle

President's Message

Another summer has passed. The weather has again been a little different than expected. Some have had too much rain, others have had none. Here in Indiana, we are no exception.

In the world of numismatics, we have added a few more items to the time machine and history. The American Numismatic Association has completed another great show, held its election and now has a new board to guide it through the next two years. I wish the ANA the best. Local clubs are going about the task of preparing or completing their shows, and old members are being lost while new members hopefully are joining to help share the hobby.

It is sad to read about the passing of people who have shared with us the enjoyment of not only the hobby but their personal lives. The hobby's most recent losses are those of three great people. Art Kagin was a fine gentleman from my native state of Iowa. Having done business with Art many times over the years, I'll truly miss listening to his many stories. Another who many knew was John Ford, an icon to the hobby. And last but certainly not least is someone a lot of CSNS members may not have had the chance to meet or talk to. He was Central States' own board member and my friend, Bob Kutcher. Bob was from the old school and never got involved at the national level. He was at the grass roots of the hobby both on the state and local levels in Nebraska. He was one who helped start people collecting, worked hard at helping his local club to survive, and always had the time to sit down with anyone who was interested and would share his hobby with them. I am proud to say I was one of them. Mr. Kutcher served on the board of CSNS, prepared his great and famous smoked turkey at our hospitality room, and helped support or create programs to promote the hobby. Bob will be greatly missed.

As I write this message, it is just before our CSNS Fall Show in Dearborn, hosted by Michigan State Numismatic Society. I look forward to a great show and meeting old friends and meeting new ones.

As with our own show, our host for this show has placed a great amount of time and effort in not only the promotion of the hobby but with that of exhibiting. I would ask that if you enjoy this hobby and would like to learn to get others started, one way is through exhibiting. If your local club has a show, put some of your material together and show it in the form of an educational exhibit to your local community. Then, take the next step and prepare something for your state show, OR (and here comes my real plug!) how about just getting your project together and showing it at our next CSNS show?? I will look forward to seeing it.

Above all, keep enjoying the hobby!!

Marvin Mericle

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

In accordance with the bylaws, this is the official Call for Nomination of candidates for the 2006 election of officers of the Central States Numismatic Society.

Offices up for election are President, Vice-President and ten (10) Governors.

All nominations shall be made in writing to the Secretary during October. Nominations may be made only by and for Regular, Associate, or Life members in good standing at the time of submitting the nominations. A member may nominate himself/herself.

The Secretary shall promptly write each nominee notifying him/her of such nomination and requesting his/her written acceptance or refusal thereof, except that a member nominating himself/herself shall be considered to have accepted nomination. A nominee's acceptance must be received by the Secretary on or before November 15th.

No nominee may accept a nomination for more than one elective office in any election. The Legal Counsel, Secretary-Treasurer and the Editor may not be candidates for Governor.

The Secretary shall cause a list of nominations and the actions of the nominees thereon to be published in the last issue of *The Centinel* mailed to the members at least forty-five (45) days prior to the first membership meeting of the election year convention. The Secretary shall obtain and publish in the last mentioned issue a biography, not exceeding two-hundred (200) words in length, of each nominee who has so accepted a nomination, which biography shall include a record of his/her services to the Society and to numismatics in general.

The Secretary shall cause the names of all such nominees who have so accepted to be printed, in the order of receipt of their acceptances, on official ballots and shall cause one of such ballots to be mailed at least forty (40) days prior to the first membership meeting of the election year convention to each member in good standing, together with an envelope marked "Official Ballot" and addressed to an accounting firm selected by the Secretary. Each envelope shall bear a different number, but the number selected shall be within the sole discretion of the Secretary. Only Regular, Associate, and Life members shall insert their ballots in said numbered envelope and seal and mail the same. An envelope must be postmarked at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the first membership meeting of the election year convention in order for the ballot therein to be counted.

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Secretary Jerry Lebo

Secretary's Message

It was a sad day in late June when Central States in particular and the hobby in general lost Bob Kutcher. Bob had been a CSNS member for nearly 30 years. He had been a board member the past 10 years or so, but perhaps was even better known as a fine exhibitor and as the fellow who provided smoked turkeys for our hospitality suite. His obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

We also note the passing during mid-July of Arthur M. Kagin, a long-time dealer and CSNS member. In fact, at the time of his passing, Kagin was the longest active member, having joined the Society in 1947.

Our final Central States fall convention was scheduled in Dearborn, Mich., Aug. 26-28. Because of publishing deadlines, we may not be able to report on that event until the next issue of *The Centinel*.

The CSNS board previously voted to make the Dearborn event its final fall convention, mainly because it was becoming more difficult to schedule the event. The board will continue to have fall meetings, hopefully in conjunction with coin shows in the Midwest. If your club would like to be a host to a CSNS fall board meeting, please let any board member know. CSNS will cover its own expenses and make board members available to help with exhibits, educational programs, etc.

Elsewhere in this issue is the **"Call for Nominations"** for our biennial election. The information contained therein should be self-explanatory.

You'll note the **deadline for accepting nominations is Nov. 15**. That's the latest date the editor can accept material for the next issue of *The Centinel*, including candidates' statements.

This deadline also affects voting rights for new members. The bylaws state that only adult members in good standing are eligible to vote. Individuals applying for membership must have their names published in *The Centinel*. Then there is a 30-day waiting period during which objections can be raised to the application.

The issue with the Nov. 15 deadline will be distributed somewhere around Jan. 1. Any membership applications received after Nov. 15th will not be published until the following issue, which normally is distributed around April 1. That means that any individual whose application is published in that issue won't become a member in good standing until around May 1, which normally is within a week of our spring anniversary convention. The election rules state that ballots must be received at least 20 days prior to the convention. Thus, new applicants aren't members in good standing and eligible to vote prior to that deadline.

Meanwhile, we're starting to gear-up for the spring anniversary convention next April 27-30 in Columbus, Ohio. Bourse applications were scheduled to be mailed after Labor Day. If you're a dealer still in need of said application after, say Oct. 1, please give me a call (574-753-2489).

Speaking of memberships...we purged the roster this summer of individuals who did not pay their dues. That's more than 200 people, which is par

for the course each year. Our membership now stands at about 2,100. Typically we'll gain 100-200 new members by our next spring convention.

Our Internet web site continues to look good, thanks to webmaster Bruce Perdue and to Wendell Wolka, the board member responsible for coordinating the site's contents. With inputs from various others, these two keep the site current, which means you can get the latest convention information at that location.

Incidently, Perdue was tabbed to become a CSNS governor, replacing Bob Kutcher.

I didn't attend the ANA convention in San Francisco but have been told that Wendell was the emcee for the Saturday night banquet and did his usual stellar job.

Congratulations twice to *Centinel* Editor Rollie Finner. *The Centinel* placed second in the regional publications contest sponsored by the ANA. Rollie also was the first-runner-up to the best-of-show in the ANA exhibiting competition.

Thanks to George Conrad and Joe Boling for helping locate "lost" members. "Lost" members are those who have moved without providing us with their new addresses.

Jerry Lebo

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Robert R. Kutcher

Robert Richard Kutcher, a CSNS governor and a veteran hobbyist from Lincoln, NE, died at his home following a brief illness on June 29. He was 74.

Kutcher was currently serving his fifth term on the Central States board, having been elected in 1996. He was a life member of Central States. As an avid exhibitor, he had captured best-of-show honors at the 1986, 1993 and 1996 CSNS conventions. In 1992 he was awarded the highest CSNS honor, the Medal of Merit.

A prolific writer of numismatic material, Kutcher was a long-time member of both the Lincoln Coin Club and the Nebraska Numismatic Association. He once wrote that he "...was on hand for the organizational meetings for both the Lincoln Coin Club and the Nebraska Numismatic Association. I served in every elected office of both of these organizations and was given an 'Honorary Life Membership' in the NNA for my services there."

Kutcher was also involved with the first accredited class of classical numismatics at the University of Nebraska in 1974. The board of regents conferred upon him the title and position of "Research Affiliate" in the college museum's Numismatic & Philatelic Section.

He served in the Korean War and was employed for years by the Nebraska Department of Roads as an associate engineer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly. Survivors include a son, Rex Kutcher, and a daughter, Beth Ann Kutcher, both of Lincoln. Funeral services were held July 6 in Lincoln.

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Arthur M. Kagin

Arthur M. "Art" Kagin, 85, died Monday, July 18, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines, Iowa, of complications as a result of acute leukemia. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 19, in Des Moines.

Art was born in Minneapolis, MN, and lived most of his life in the Des Moines area. He was an army veteran of World War II and a Jewish War Veteran. He was a professional numismatist whose trading began in 1933. He helped organize the Des Moines Coin Club in 1936 and the Iowa Numismatic Association two years later and held life membership in the American Numismatic Association.

In 1955 he was a founding member of the Professional Numismatists Guild, serving as its president from 1963-1964. In 1976 he was the first in his field to be recognized in Who's Who in America. A founder of Beth El Jacob Synagogue and a founder and chairman of the Judaic Resource Center of Iowa, Kagin was a member B'nai B'rith (who in 1968 named him its "Man of the Year") and a member of Za-Ga-Zig Shrine. He also held memberships in numerous other Jewish and professional organizations.

Art was a deliberate optimist who often stated "Numismatics is like marriage. It has to be shared to be enjoyed." To know Art, even peripherally, is to recognize that his vigor and passion were constant and contagious. He was driven by an internal clock he wound up long ago with no thoughts of ever letting it run down.

Art was preceded in death by his wife, Henrietta, and a brother, Bernard Schreiberg. He is survived by three children, Solomon of Santa Rosa, CA; Judith of Mill Valley, CA; and Donald of Tiburon, CA; seven grandchildren and two brothers, Al Kagin of Minnesota and Julius Schreiber of Omaha, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Judiac Resource Center of Iowa, 943 Cummins Parkway, Des Moines, IA 50372, or the American Numismatic Association, 818 No. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279.

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The *Other* Interpreter

by R. W. Julian

In the late spring 1998 Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin picked a panel to decide upon a design for the new dollar coin mandated by Congress. The Secretary, using the panel's suggestions, chose Sacajawea to represent Liberty. Charges were made shortly afterwards that the whole affair had been rigged to produce the desired result, which may well be true, given the current political realities in Washington.

Defenders of the Sacajawea decision point to her as a heroine on the famed Lewis and Clark expedition (1804-1806) to the Pacific coast and back. Unfortunately, not only do the facts fail to bear this out, but there was another member of the group, George Drouillard, whose extraordinary skills were critical on numerous occasions.

Just how valuable was the contribution by Sacajawea to the expedition? Although hardly in the heroic mold, she was of great value in certain situations and instrumental in smoothing over problems with the Shoshoni (Snake) Indians of present-day western Montana and Idaho. This particular Indian nation was justly feared by neighboring tribes and careful diplomacy was required in passing through their territory.

Sacajawea, who was actually the slave wife of Toussaint Charbonneau, a fact carefully overlooked by many writers, did not exactly volunteer for the journey. In fact she simply accompanied her husband, who had reluctantly signed on as an interpreter. Meriwether Lewis wrote in early 1807, however, that Charbonneau was "a man of no particular merit." Oddly enough, in this key document listing expedition members, Lewis ignored Sacajawea, an inconvenient fact for her defenders to explain away!

"The choice of Sacajawea for the new dollar coin is thus an interesting blend of fact, fiction, and political correctness."

Sacajawea did not become well known until 1902 when Eva Dye published a biography; this was followed by a highly inaccurate work by Grace Hebard in 1933. The latter considered Sacajawea virtually the sole interpreter and guide as well as savior of the expedition, misinformation which has persisted until the present day.

It is worth noting what famed historian Donald Jackson (in his *Letters of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*) had to say about Sacajawea: "Of Sacajawea's valor and

stolid determination there can be no doubt, but her contribution to the expedition is often magnified by her biographers." It would appear that Jackson was reading the future as well as the past.

The '*other*' interpreter was, as noted above, George Drouillard, son of a French fur trapper and Shawnee mother. Born in Canada and the master of several Indian languages, he was an extraordinarily skilled woodsman and hunter, often taking long trips into the wilderness to search for the best furs. What Lewis had to say about this man in January, 1807, after the end of the expedition, is worth repeating: "A man of much merit; he has been peculiarly useful from his knowledge of the common language of gesticulation [sign language], and his uncommon skill as a hunter and woodsman; those several duties he performed in good faith, and with an ardor that deserves the highest commendation. It was his fate also to have encountered, with either Captain Clark or myself, all the most dangerous and trying scenes of the voyage, in which he acquitted himself with honors."

In a passage (January 12, 1806) from the Journals, this time written by William Clark, we read that "This morning Sent out Drewyer [Drouillard] and one man to hunt, they returned in the evening Drewyer having killed 7 Elk; I scercely know how we Should Subsist, I believe but badly if it was not for the exertions of this excellent hunter, maney others exert themselves, but not being acquainted with the best method of finding and killing the elk and no other wild animals is to be found in this quarter, they are unsucksessfull in their exertions." In other words, had it not been for Drouillard's superb hunting abilities, the small band would have been in serious trouble. In addition, his skill in interpreting was not only invaluable but proved crucial on numerous occasions.

In another passage (January 24, 1806) Lewis noted that Drouillard's marksmanship was so good that it sometimes awed hostile Indians into leaving the expedition alone. The tribesmen were deliberately given the wrong information that all the explorers had the same ability whereas, in fact, only one man possessed this superb skill.

After the end of the expedition, in the fall of 1806, Drouillard returned to the West in a quest for furs. He later joined with mountain man John Colter but was killed by the Blackfeet in 1810. (Sacajawea died about two years later.)

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amazement that she could travel these great distances and also serve with distinction. It was but a small step from there to making her a heroine and two important people were not needed, only one.

One wonders what kind of uproar would have occurred had Drouillard been picked for the dollar coin. Even though he gave yeoman service and was clearly the most valuable civilian member of the group, this would not have set well with the powers-that-be in Washington. Sacajawea certainly provided valuable services to the expedition, especially in Shoshoni country, but Drouillard was the classic 'man for all seasons' on the entire trip and deserves to be better known, even if he will never grace the side of a coin.

One of the curious omissions from the public debate is a discussion of the payments received by expedition members. In modern terms Carbonneau received about $5000 per month for his services, which included those of his wife. Drouillard received the same amount and both were given 320 acre farms in choice areas. Ordinary expedition members received about $1000 per month as well as the same acreage. It is worth noting the Charbonneaus, husband and wife, were paid overall far less than Drouillard because his service was considered to be of value for the entire journey (33 months) while the Charbonneaus got credit for only 28 months.

Does any of the above mean that Sacajawea did not provide useful service to the expedition? No, it is just that her contributions must be kept in perspective, something that seems to be missing from the current debate about the political decision to put her portrait on the new dollar. The choice of Sacajawea for the new dollar coin is thus an interesting blend of fact, fiction, and political correctness.

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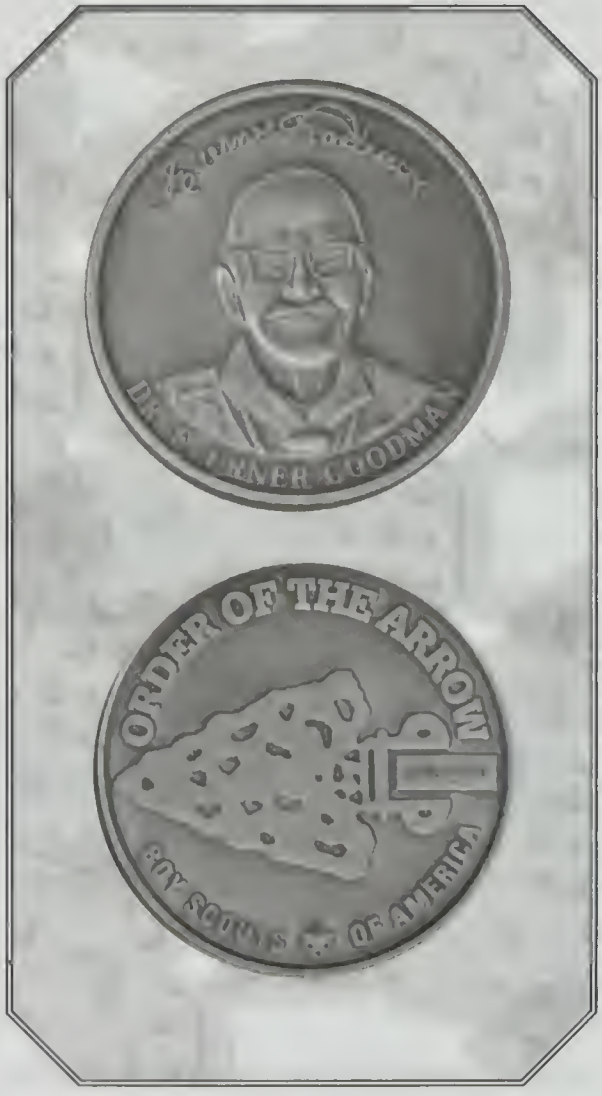
From Iowa To Michigan

by Mark Benvenuto

The Boy Scouts of America have within their organization something that gets called the honor society of scouting — the Order of the Arrow. The OA, as it is known in scouting, is perhaps the only honorary society in which members are very often voted in by non-members. You see, once a year, each troop is allowed an OA election, and all scouts — not just those already in the OA — get to vote for new members. The criteria are really pretty simple: a scout should have the rank of First Class scout, and he should be considered one of the best the troop has to offer. At an election, scouts are told not to vote for someone because they are a pal or a buddy, but rather to vote for a scout based on how much he lives up to the scout oath and law. Thus, the OA represents scouting's best.

Once every two years, arrowmen from around the country gather at the National Order of the Arrow Conclave (NOAC) in a spirit of fellowship to keep the ideals of scouting fresh in their minds, to learn how best to lead their scout troops or venture crews, and to exchange ideas on how to help their communities. The last NOAC was held at Iowa State University, in Ames, Iowa, one of our CSNS states. The next, to be held in the summer of 2006, will be at the campus of Michigan State University, in East Lansing, Michigan, another of our CSNS states. You might think there's nothing with a numismatic twist going on related to all this, but you'd be wrong.



While scouts and their adult leaders may be the quintessential patch traders and collectors, several years ago the NOAC committee started the production of commemorative medals. Bronze medals roughly the size of a U.S. silver dollar, each features a scene, theme, or person of importance to the Order. Two of them honor the founders of the Order, Dr. E. Urner Goodman, and Col. Carroll A. Edson. Now, you might wonder why Lord Baden-Powell isn't mentioned right here, since he is the founder of scouting. Remember

though, Baden-Powell started the organization in Great Britain after having commanded British Imperial forces in South Africa during the Boer War. After the idea of scouting came to the U.S. and took hold, it was Goodman and Edson who initiated the first group of young men at Treasure Island Scout Camp in the summer of 1915, to start what has now become a respected nationwide organization. The camp was located on a 50 acre island in the Delaware River, and is believed to have been an important site for the Delaware tribe, who lived there long ago.

The reverse of the Goodman and Edson medals is a common design with all the others: the arrowhead with a bit of arrow shaft that is the symbol of the OA. It is surrounded by the legend ORDER OF THE ARROW BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA and a small fleur-de-lis. Of note for collectors is that this common side has some variations within it. Some of the "common" sides have the dates — 1915-2000 — written on the shaft of the arrow, while others do not. Picking up a set of medals at the Iowa State NOAC, this author queried the trading post folks if there were versions with and without the date for each design. The answer, "Oh, that's a little thing. Who cares about that?" Obviously not the non-collector who was working at that trading post that day!

Other designs feature several connections to the Indian roots of the Order. One depicts an Indian brave handing a scout the story skin describing the founding of the order. The words, "the Legend, the Higher Vision" reinforce the idea of passing on the best ideals of scouting. Another shows two native Americans shaking hands with a rustic scene in the background. The words "Lenni Lenape" are at the base, and the letter W appears three times around the edges of the scene. The words are the Delawares' name for themselves, and the "three W's," as arrow men know them are short for the Delawaran phrase which translates to "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service," the motto of the Order.

The OA "coins," as they are called by most of the scouts and scouters (since many of them are not coin collectors) are not particularly expensive. Oddly though, they seem to disappear between NOACs. At least, they were quite easy to purchase in Ames last year, but they seem to have vanished from OA web sites, at least as of this writing. But here's a neat twist: the series apparently hasn't ended. According to the same wise folks at the NOAC trading post who didn't see much point in varieties with and without dates on the arrow, there will be at least one, and maybe two, new medals at the 2006 NOAC. Whatever powers-that-be make the decisions on NOAC memorabilia, they haven't yet released the theme or design of the 2006 medals.

As a final note on these NOAC medals, if you and your money really do want to be parted, there is apparently a silver version of the entire series. Each bronze NOAC medal cost only a few dollars. The silver versions did come in presentation cases, and were encased in a protective plastic case (at least the one on display did), but they cost closer to $30 each. So, if that silver set and collection is just calling your name, you might have to part with close to $300 to make it your own. Worth it? That depends, both on how you focus your medal and coin collections, and perhaps on how involved you are with scouting. But, silver or bronze, the NOAC medals are a great way to remember a summer event right that is situated right in the heart of our CSNS.

HOW TO STORE, DISPLAY AND CARE FOR YOUR NUMISMATIC COLLECTION

by William H. Cowburn, Jr.

As collectors, we tend to spend a significant amount of time and effort looking for just the right item to add to our collections. We read books covering that particular item. We study the history of the time period it was issued in and/or investigate the artist that created it. When we find an example that we consider purchasing, it has to have eye appeal or else be so scarce that we are willing to accept lower quality for the chance to own it. The price has to be fair and we expect that the seller will guarantee authenticity. Many times the search for just the right coin (or medal or paper money or token, etc.) can take months or years before we find the piece that we simply must have. Finally, after we have acquired that long sought for item, many collectors think that the 'work' has ended. However, much of the real effort required of collectors just begins with the acquisition itself because now we must do all we can to keep that item from deteriorating in condition.

What do we do with this cherished addition to our collection now that we finally have it? Whether we are collecting modern issues, ancient coins or anything in between, the collector is faced with the 'problem' of how to keep their collection in as good of condition as possible. This concern with preserving historic items can stem from either quite altruistic views or from a purely selfish outlook. Either viewpoint will lead to the conclusion that these items must be preserved in the best manner possible.

The collector that realizes they are only temporary caretakers of the item will understand that taking the best possible care of their numismatic items will ensure that future collectors will be able to enjoy and learn from these items as much as the current collector. Think of a coin from ancient Greece or Rome and try to visualize how many hands it has passed through over the course of its existence. The collector of today must realize that even if they own the coin for a long period of time – say 40 or 50 years – that this amount of time is but the blink of an eye compared to the time that the ancient coin has been around. Taking the best care possible of that item will preserve it for future generations of collectors to study and enjoy.

Of course, the collector that does not think of such long term benefits to future generations still has a stake in preserving their items. This type of collector will recognize that it is in their own self-interest to keep the item in as high of a condition as possible so that it retains its value in the marketplace. This collector does not want any harm to come to his collection because coins with damage are worth less than those that are in better condition.

Perhaps for most of us it is not a question of either being altruistic (thinking of future generations of collectors) or being selfish (looking out for our own self-interest) but rather a blend of these two ideas that drives us to properly care for what we collect.

How should a collector store, display and care for the items in their collection? Preserving our numismatic items takes some time and effort, but it can

be pleasurable and should be part of the regular procedure that all collectors follow after a purchase. This article assumes the numismatic items in question are coins, but the same general processes apply to tokens and medals as well as coins. The basics listed here will also apply to currency, but certain storage and handling issues will be different for any items made of paper.

STORAGE AND DISPLAY OF COINS

There are many different options available for collectors to use for housing and storing their coins. All have certain advantages, but unfortunately all have their own drawbacks. This means that a collector needs to examine the options available and settle upon the one that suits them best. Of course, you may find that one storage method is perfect for you for one series that you collect and that a totally different storage method is perfect for you for a different area of your collection. As you read over these options and the pros and cons related to each method of storage, think about how the storage system would work in your own individual situation. Here are some of the more popular methods used to store coins today.

FLIPS

Plastic Flips

Made of plastic with 2 pockets, these are very popular for several reasons. First, they are relatively inexpensive. In addition, they allow the viewer to easily see all sides of the coin. The second pocket of the flip generally has an information card inserted into it that allows the owner to list all pertinent information about the coin. Flips take up very little room allowing for storage of large collections in relatively little space. It is also very easy to remove the coin for closer inspection and to weigh the coin.

Generally there are 2 types of flips – PVC and non-PVC. PVC is simply shorthand for polyvinyl chloride which is used as a softener in plastics. This additive, PVC, gives flips a softness (pliability) and ease of handling. However, PVC is a serious problem for coins that are stored in holders containing it. This chemical eventually will leach out of the flip onto the coin. PVC will then eat into the surface of the coin causing damage. Do NOT buy or use flips that contain PVC!

Flips that do not contain PVC are generally considered to be archival quality. These types of flips are safe for long-term storage of your coins but even they have some drawbacks. These flips are stiffer and more brittle than the ones that contain PVC. This means that they have a tendency to crack or break allowing the atmosphere to react with the coin. A cracked or broken flip also exposes the coin to other physical dangers. When the flip is broken, the coin can be exposed to staples or other sharp objects without any barrier to protect it. Another 'problem' with these flips is they tend to cut the skin if not handled properly.

When using flips, keep in mind that larger and heavier coins tend to move around inside the pocket of the flip. This means that the coin is

rubbing against the plastic and against any contaminants that might also be in the flip with the coin. PCGS has recently warned against using PVC flips even for short term storage because of damage they have seen with coins sent to them for authentication and grading. Even when non-PVC flips are used, care must be taken when placing the coin into the flip and when removing the coin (be sure to cup the flip so the coin can be dropped in or removed without rubbing against the sides).

2 X 2's

These are generally made of cardboard with cutouts of various sizes to hold different denomination coins or different sizes of tokens and medals. The most popular of these holders fold in half and the outside dimensions of the cardboard holder will then be 2" by 2" – hence the nickname 2x2. There is a thin plastic film attached to the cardboard that allows the viewer to see both sides of the numismatic item. Most of these 2x2's require staples to close the holder although some have an adhesive on them that will seal when pressed together.

Cardboard 2 x 2's

These holders are convenient, inexpensive and provide some protection from the elements for your coins. However, there are quite a few weaknesses with this storage medium that the collector must be aware of.

These holders generally have some 'cardboard dust' laying on the surfaces that will be next to the coin. This dust is a byproduct of the manufacturing process used to create these holders and if left in contact with your coin the dust may cause some unusual toning. The cardboard dust should be removed before placing your coin in the holder. However, the method used to remove the dust can create even more problems that the dust itself. Do NOT use your breath to blow the dust off of the holder. Doing so will introduce moisture into the holder that will cause damage to you coin. Use a can of pressurized air (this will be dry rather than moist) or simply wipe the dust off with a clean cloth. Be aware that static electricity will tend to hold the dust to the plastic film, so removing all of the dust might be difficult.

Another serious problem with using these holders is one that can be easily remedied. The problem comes from the use of staples to close the holder. If you use staples, be sure to use a pair of pliers or vice grips to flatten the staple as soon as you have put the coin in the 2x2. If the staple is not flattened, the part of the staple that stands away from the holder will more than likely come into contact with other coins that you have stored and cause scratches. Collectors tend to store their coins that are housed in 2x2 holders in boxes. The holders (and therefore the coins) are pressed against one another. When a holder is removed from the box to examine the coin, an un-flattened staple can easily scratch a coin that is next to it.

Some other considerations for the collector deciding whether to use 2x2's include the following:

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- ✓ The edge of the coin might not be visible for examination
- ✓ An accurate weight cannot be made without removing the coin from the holder. Removal is not as simple as from a flip.
- ✓ The plastic cover is very thin and subject to tears which will expose the coin to the atmosphere and to abrasive objects.

PAPER ENVELOPES

These are the same size as flips or 2x2's and have been popular with collectors for many years. They are inexpensive and the paper provides a significant amount of room for the collector write information about the coin inside. Many collectors of early copper use these envelopes along with cotton pouches that fit into the paper envelope. The coin slides into the cotton pouch which provides some additional environmental protection.

Drawbacks with their use include:

- ✓ You cannot see the coin without removing it from the envelope.
- ✓ If the paper has high sulfur content, it will react with the coin (especially when a cotton pouch is not used).
- ✓ With handling, the paper can easily tear.

ALBUMS

There are many coin albums in the marketplace for the collector to consider. While these are convenient for organizing your collection, there are many factors to consider before deciding which is best for you.

There are folders available that allow you to press a coin into an opening. Generally, the openings are identified by date and mintmark for each coin issued. However, with folders, one side of your coin is not visible. This is because the folder is designed with an opaque material that is behind the coin when it is pressed into the opening. Folders also do not have anything that covers or protects the coins when the folder is opened. But, folders are inexpensive and a great way for a new collector to organize sets of coins collected from circulation such as Lincoln Memorial Cents or the State Quarters.

Popular albums that allow both sides of the coin to be viewed are available from companies like Whitman, Dansco and Littleton. These albums have pages that are slightly thicker than the coins that are intended to be placed into them. The pages have plastic slides on each side with cutouts in the page for each date and mintmark of the coin the album is designed for. The collector removes one slide and places their coin in the proper hole leaving the other slide in place to keep the coin from falling through the page. The slide is then replaced, taking care to be sure that the coin is below the surface the slide will move across. If the coin is setting too high in the page, the plastic will rub against the coin as it is moved into place causing damage to the surface of the coin.

While albums are beautiful for storing and displaying your collection, the following items must be considered before the numismatist decides to use them:

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- ✓Albums are bulky and take much more storage room than flips.
- ✓Care must be exercised when placing coins into an album with slides.
- ✓Some older albums used PVC which is very dangerous to your coins.
- ✓If the pages contain sulfur, this will lead to toning of your coins.

HARD PLASTIC HOLDERS

Plastic holders made of a material such as Lucite are available for storing your coins. Generally these holders come in three pieces – a solid front, a solid back and a center piece that has holes cut for your coins to fit into. These holders come in a variety of colors and shapes and can be custom designed for your own personal collection. The 3 sections are usually held together with plastic screws.

The plastic used to make these holders is inert and generally considered safe for long term storage of your coins. These holders are beautiful and provide excellent protection for your collection, however they too have some drawbacks to consider before buying.

- ✓These holders are bulky and will require more storage space than flips, 2x2's or paper envelopes.
- ✓In order to see the edge or weigh the coin, it must be removed from the holder which requires more effort than other storage mediums.
- ✓These holders are more expensive than other storage mediums.

SLABS

This term is used as slang for the hard plastic holders used by third party grading services such as PCGS, NGC, ANACS, ICG, SEGS, etc. The holders are made of inert plastic and provide excellent long term storage for your coins. Some of the services guarantee the authenticity as well as the grade they assign to the coin.

Collectors can send their coin to the third party grading services for grading and encapsulation or they can purchase coins in the marketplace that have already been entombed in plastic. If you choose to use these slabs as a means of storing your collection, keep the following in mind:

- ✓These holders are bulky and require a significant amount of space.
- ✓Albums are available to organize your collection of slabbed coins, but that requires even more space for storage.
- ✓In order to see the edge or weigh the coin, it must be removed from the holder.
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OTHER METHODS OF STORAGE

There are plenty of other storage methods employed by collectors. Some coins are stored in rolls. The rolls can be made of either plastic or paper. If you have rolls made of plastic, be sure that you do not have some older ones that contain PVC. If you have coins stored in paper rolls, be aware that the chemicals in the paper will tend to tone the coins over time.

Some coins are simply stored loose in something like a piggybank. While this method is fine for low value material or coins that are worth bullion content, the collector must be aware that the coins will rub over each other when the bank or jar is moved and that movement might damage any higher grade coins or those that had a numismatic premium.

There are non-PVC plastic shells that fit snuggly over a single coin. These shells are in 2 pieces and snap together protecting the coin from damage. Unfortunately, this method of storage does not provide a convenient place to list data about the coin. Many collectors will then place the coin (already inside the plastic shell) in a flip and list the pertinent data on a card in the other pocket of the flip.

There are also plastic boxes that snap together holding a coin inside. Usually the coin is surrounded by cardboard or foam inside the hard plastic holder. Be very cautious of using foam with any numismatic collectible. Foam tends to disintegrate over time and will adhere to the coin. It can be very difficult to remove and cause significant damage to your coin.

While there are many other methods that collectors use for storage – plastic wrap, aluminum foil, canvas bags, etc. – the methods listed above are the most popular and cover the best ways of caring for your collection.

CARE OF YOUR COLLECTION

While a complete discussion of caring for your collection would require a book rather than just this article, some basic steps are listed below.

Your collection should be stored in an environment with low

Plastic Tubes

PVC Damaged

humidity. Higher humidity levels enhance chemical reactions with metal. Ideally, the humidity levels should also remain constant to keep condensation from forming.

To help maintain an environment with low humidity, all collectors should use moisture absorbing packets commonly known as silica gel desiccants. These packets can be placed in the box along with your coins. They will need to be changed on a regular basis and more frequently if you live in a humid area.

Plastic Shells

All coins should be immediately removed from any storage medium that contains PVC. These coins should be soaked in acetone to remove any PVC contamination. Acetone is a solvent that will remove dirt and grease but it will not strip away microscopic layers of the coin like a silver dip will. Thus, acetone is safe to use on your silver and gold coins, but proper precautions must be followed when using this chemical. Please read and follow all safety precautions when using any chemical. After using acetone to remove PVC from your coin, thoroughly rinse the coin in clean water and dry it completely before storing it in a non-PVC holder.

As far as possible, your coins should not be allowed to rub against one another. Damage to your collection will occur over time if this is allowed to happen. Be especially alert for any sharp edges that your coins may come into contact with (such as staples).

If you use flips or 2x2's for coin storage, do not use rubber bands to bundle groups of holders together. Rubber bands will leave a streak of toning across the coin that becomes etched into the surface making it very difficult to remove.

When handling your coins, use gloves and hold the coins by their edges. Using care in handling your collection will keep oils from your skin being introduced onto the surface of the coin. It is quite possible to leave your fingerprint on a coin if you do not use gloves when handling it. Also, do not breathe on the coins as you will contaminate them with saliva.

Collecting is fun but we have a duty to try to protect our numismatic treasures for future generations of collectors. In addition, we will enjoy our collection more today when we take proper care of it. Use archival quality materials whenever possible to minimize many of the risks of damage to your collection. This article is intended to raise awareness in each of us to potential problems in our care, storage and handling of our collections. Let's leave the collecting world a better place for our having been part of it!

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History of Central States

Part II — 1959-1961

The year 1959 found the Central States 17th anniversary convention in Kansas City, Missouri, for the first time ever. The setting was the Hotel Muehlebach, April 24-26. The host club, Heart of America Numismatic Association, celebrated its silver anniversary during 1959, and HANA President Ray Lefman was – at the same time – CSNS vice-president and convention chairman.

The convention featured 75 tables on the bourse which cost dealers $50 each. The bourse was housed in "one large, 80' x 80' room with wide aisles and sufficient chairs to rest aching feet." Paid attendance was slightly over 700 with a three-day registration fee of $2. Wooden flats in four denominations were issued at a combined cost of 90 cents, and 500 medals were struck and sold for $1.75 each. Interestingly enough, convention leaders stated that "participation by the general public was very limited due to strenuous objection to newspaper publicity by insurance companies." Despite this criticism, the words which best described the convention were "smooth running and well organized."

Medals of Merit were awarded to Lee Hewitt and Dr. F. S. Epps, two of the most deserving recipients ever. The Best of Show plaque was won by Mr. & Mrs. Lamar Davis for their exhibit of ancient coins.

The 1960 or 18th anniversary CSNS convention returned to Detroit for the third time, April 29 – May 1. The site was the spacious Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel with the Detroit Coin Club as host. The entire 4th floor was devoted to the bourse and exhibits. Ninety-one dealers paid a $60 bourse fee which included one banquet ticket, registration fee, a badge and one display case.

A three-session auction was called by Mr. & Mrs. French of Troy, New York. Featured were 400 lots of gold coins and 100 lots of rare currency. Top money of $1,050 was paid for an 1806/5 $2.50 gold eagle in XF condition.

Paid registrants -- 793 of them – enjoyed the convention for a fee of $1.50. Other visitors put the estimated attendance at over 2,000. A field trip to the National Bank of Detroit's famous Money Museum proved to be a popular event for many. Women were invited to play bingo and enjoy a

Kansas City: The grand old Muehlebach Hotel and its convention facilities were a comfortable meeting place for collectors and coin conventions for decades, including Central States in 1959 and 1975.

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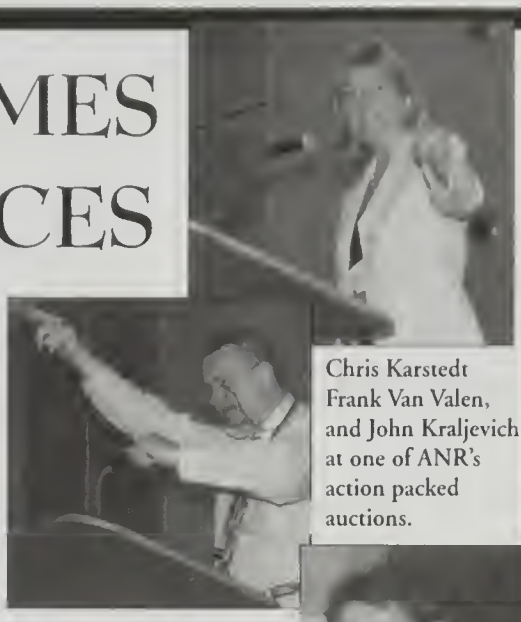

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2000 – Minneapolis: After a busy day at the convention, Don Charters and Rita Jene Sledz, the cozy couple in front, enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the Central States hospitality room, along with Ray Dillard (left) and Jerry Morgan!

luncheon in the private dining room of the J. L. Hudson Company.

A CSNS "first" was the free distribution of the *Convention Journal* featuring information and facts about the convention and Central States. Another innovation was a tape recording giving the highlights of each exhibit. The CSNS Board developed the first-ever Guidebook for use by local clubs to plan and operate future conventions.

Two-hundred-ninety attendees enjoyed filet mignon at the Saturday night awards banquet. Paul E. Olson of Minneapolis and Milwaukee's Erwin C. Gerber were recipients of Medals of Merit. Robert McNamara of Cleveland won Best of Show for his plaster casts of several commemorative medals. The Best of Show award was donated by the Professional Numismatists Guild (PNG) in memory of the late, great Texas dealer, B. Max Mehl.

The 19th anniversary convention of Central States returned to Minneapolis in the Nicollet Hotel with the Northwest Coin Club serving as host. Those attending the convention were urged by General Chairman Paul Olson to visit the new Minneapolis Public Library which opened at the end of January, 1961.

The convention auction, called by the trio of Leo Young, Bill Ulrich and Max Winters, featured two $4 gold Stellas, a very rare 1795 half dollar and 1943-P and S copper cents.

There were 48 total exhibits with 22 from local exhibitors. A new exhibit class was added this year: "All Gold Coins." Best of Show went to George Hatie for his U. S. Coin exhibit.

Entertainment for the ladies included a luncheon, bingo, favors, a tour of the Twin Cities and separate hotel accommodations in the beautiful Candlelight Room.

1995 – Kansas City: It appeared as if Bob Kutcher, "Chef Bob," was being instructed on how to carve a smoked turkey by Don Hespe in the '95 hospitality room. (Or was Hespe simply holding his place at the head of the line?)

At the CSNS business meeting it was decided to increase the number of Centinels from two to four per year. Elston G. Bradfield agreed to stay on a Editor. Another Board decision was the

1973 – Peoria: Hospitality rooms are ideal places for socializing — and for political campaigning! At least that's what ANA's Virginia Culver and Central States governor Ray Lefman found as they visited with friends in Peoria, including a rather youthful Ken Bressett (lower right, with pipe in hand).

CSNS President would appoint a representative from each member club to advise the CSNS Board.

Medals of Merit were given to Carmen Baum of Minneapolis for her work in designing, producing and selling the convention medal; and to August Hausske of Chicago; D. Wayne Johnson of Sidney, Ohio; Iola, Wisconsin's favorite son, Chester L. Krause, and Arthur Rutz of Gary, Indiana.

Milwaukee was chosen to host the 1962 convention for a third time and Kansas City for the 1964 affair. 1963 was left open after Rockford, Illinois, declined to serve as the host.

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Liberty Nickels: They're Worth Considering!

by Ginger Rapsus

Consider the Liberty nickel. A well-worn, circulated specimen isn't much to look at, but these were coins that were used everyday in making change, buying a bottle of soda or whatever you wished, and a five-cent nickel went a long way then. Many Liberty nickels exist in good, fine, or fair condition. Some may even have the date worn off, like their successors, the Buffalo nickels. A young person just starting out in collecting can own a few circulated nickels, and can upgrade this set as the collector gets older and can afford better coins. An adult collector can buy a few better grade coins, very fine or better, if they can be found. And if you want to plunge and spend a lot of money on uncirculated or proof coins, you can get a good collection and some really scarce coins for a reasonable cash outlay.

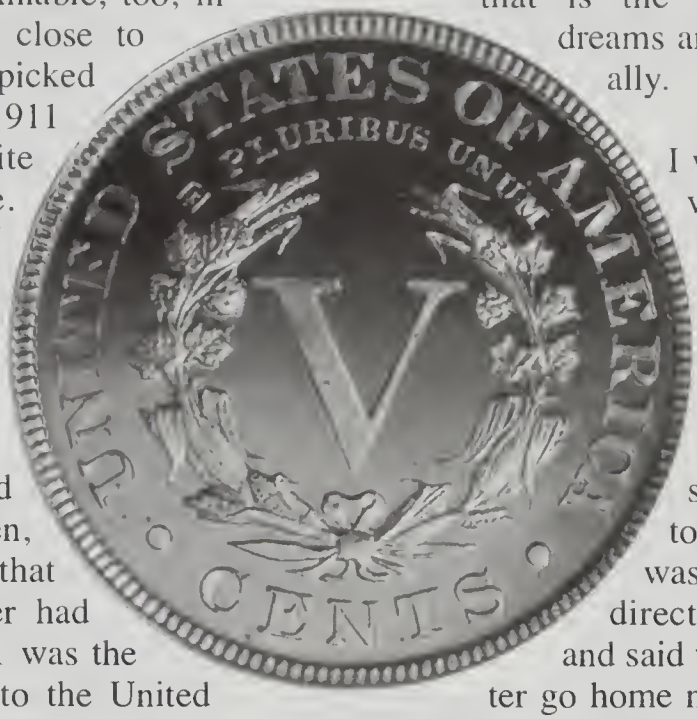
One of the first coins I ever bought was a 1906 Liberty nickel in good condition. It cost a quarter and was certainly well circulated, but it was an old coin, of a type I had never seen. Most dealers of this time, the late sixties, had "junk boxes" of Liberty nickels and Indian cents in fair to good condition. Quite a few different dates could be picked out of these boxes.

The first year of issue, 1883, was not that hard to find. I remember a department store in downtown Chicago had a big box full of them; I once heard another dealer had a bushel basket of them! These first Liberty nickels were the "no-cent" variety, where the denomination appeared as a large Roman numeral V. Supposedly, some unscrupulous people gold-plated these coins and tried to pass them off as five-dollar gold pieces. A good story, and I've seen quite a few of these plated "racketeer" nickels, although it's impossible to tell when the plating was applied.

My own 1883 "no-cents" coin, picked from the box downtown, was a nice extremely fine specimen, with all letters on Liberty's headband visible, and lots of detail present on the reverse side, too...down to the individual grains on the ears of corn. None of my other Liberty nickels came close to this one!

Later in my collecting career, I abandoned the idea of a date set of Liberty nickels, and concentrated on building a type set. The type set demanded the inclusion of two Liberty nickels: the "no-cents" type of 1883, and one with the word "cents." It was-

n't hard to find a choice 1883 "no-cents" coin, and many of the later dates were obtainable, too, in Mint State, or close to Mint State. I picked out a pretty 1911 coin, a favorite date of mine. Years earlier, I had picked out a well-worn 1911 from the same junk box that yielded the 1906; I also had another specimen, not so worn, that my grandmother had given me. 1911 was the year she came to the United States.



My grandmother managed to turn up another group of coins, just before she passed away. One coin was a well circulated Liberty nickel; I could not discern the date with any certainty. I used some date restorer, left over from my checking Buffalo nickels, and what do you know-the date was 1885, a scarce date!

Liberty nickels were not exactly number one on the collecting hit parade. They weren't big; they weren't silver; they weren't all that attractive when they were worn, and there was one coin that made a complete set impossible-the legendary 1913!

The story of the 1913 Liberty nickel caught my attention, even when I was young. I had seen one in the Smithsonian collection, and another at a coin show, and like other collectors, I wondered what happened to the fifth specimen. The question was finally answered at the 2003 ANA World's Fair of Money, when all five specimens were displayed together. I went back to view the five coins at least four times, and I took a photo. Now that is the stuff collecting dreams are made of, literally.

Just before I went to that convention, I had a dream that I found the missing 1913 Liberty nickel, received in change while shopping downtown. The dream was vivid; I looked directly at the coin, and said to myself, "I better go home now, where I can put this away." Dreams don't always come true!

If you dream of putting together a set of high grade Liberty nickels, not including the special 1913, this dream is quite realistic. It may take some looking to find some really choice specimens of certain dates, but most of the coins, especially the twentieth century dates, should not be hard to find. A high grade set is highly recommended if you appreciate the beauty of Charles Barber's rendering of Ms. Liberty. The worn, circulated Liberty heads don't look like much, but when you look at the higher grades, the Liberty head is pretty. Proof coins have an even prettier look, not just because of the method of striking, but Ms. Liberty looks better yet.

I recall seeing a set of Liberty nickels, all proofs, at a major convention a few years ago. The coins were mounted in a white Capital plastic holder, and looked very impressive together. I recall the 1885, a key date, was particularly beautiful and had a cameo effect. The set was snapped up

by a lucky collector. During the show weekend, I heard two other collectors inquire about the set.

Even if you should take advantage of such an opportunity, and purchase such a lovely set all at once, a specialty in Liberty nickels can keep you busy. It may be interesting to put together a grading set, one of each grade. Some circulated coins in Very Fine-Extremely Fine condition may not be that easy to find. Don't forget the two nickels that were not stuck in proof: the branch mint issues of 1912. The Denver issue isn't that rare, but the San Francisco coin is a key date.

Many kinds of pattern Liberty nickels were made. The 1882 Liberty head is a more famous one. There is another with the word "cents" on a ribbon around the V. One very interesting pattern is the so-called "Blind Man's nickel," which features five raised bumps on the edge. There were also some one-cent patterns bearing the pretty Liberty head.

If you are looking for a new series to collect, a set of coins with beauty and rarity, coins that are interesting and fun to collect, a set to be proud of...consider the Liberty Nickel!

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2006 Literary Competition Open!

As a member of Central States Numismatic Society, you are reminded that *The Centinel* is constantly in search of worthwhile numismatic material for publication, especially the works and writings of its own members.

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Annually since 1969, Central States has honored one or more members whose literary efforts - published in *The Centinel* - have been judged most deserving of recognition. To winners in the senior division go the Bradfield Literary Award, named in honor of the late Elston G. Bradfield, founder and first editor of *The Centinel*. Our junior authors compete for the Daniel C. Parker Literary Award. Authors receive nominal payment following publication of their material.

Competition for the '06 Bradfield and Parker awards will close with publication of the Winter, 2005-06, issue, and respective awards will be presented as one of the highlights of the Columbus awards breakfast, Saturday, April 29th.

Now, though, is the time to plan for the '06 competition! Manuscripts (or inquiries) should be directed to the Editor, PO Box 296, Iola, WI 54945, or by e-mail: rfinner@athenet.net.

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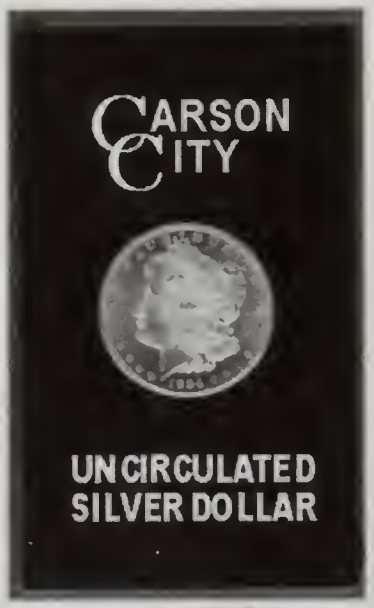

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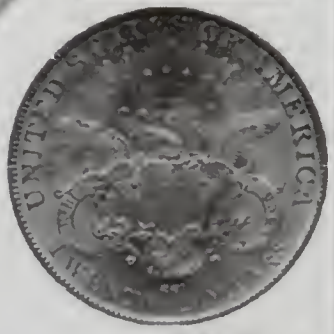

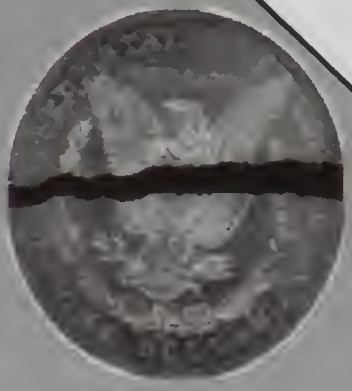

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Michigan State Hosts Central States

Collectors kept more than 200 dealers busy as they manned 139 booths in the bourse room of Dearborn's Hyatt Regency Hotel as MSNS hosted the final Fall CSNS convention. The August 26-28 venue attracted exhibitors who showed more than two dozen educational exhibits, earning awards for many. And Central States officials were together to attend to Society business matters. (Reports on board activities will be covered in the next issue of *The Centinel*.) In the future, fall meetings of CSNS officials will be conducted in conjunction with major shows within the Central States area.

Photographs that follow, taken by editor Rollie Finner, give a glimpse of show highlights.

(Michigan State's traditional Thanksgiving Weekend convention will take place at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency, November 25-27. Show chairman is Don Charters. Exhibitors are invited to use the application form on page 40.)

City and club officials observing the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony, as CSNS president Marvin Mericle manned the seissors, included (from the left): Joe LaBlane, MSNS secretary/treasurer; Dearborn police chief Michael Celeski; Sue Tadros, chamber of eommerce official; Kristin Phillips, *Michigan History Magazine* writer; Harry Tileston, CSNS past president; Kelly Finger, MSNS president; and CSNS governor Patti Finner.

Years of support and serviee to Michigan State Numismatie Soeiety by Clifford Mishler (left) were reeognized with the presentation of an engraved plaque presented by MSNS president Kelly Finger (center) and Joe LaBlanc, seeretary/treasurer.

Best-of-show honors (senior division) were presented to Wendell Wolka (right) for "The Six State Bank of Ohio American Bank Note Company Issues of 1859-1864" by CSNS president Marv Mericle.

Michael Bearman (right) took the junior division best-of-show honors for "Albion Festival of the Forks Trade Dollars." Kelly Finger, MSNS president, made the presentation.

Exhibitors earning third place recognition were Mike Denanny, Mary Denanny and Dan Freeland.

First place exhibiting awards went to (from the left) Dany Rothfeld, Wendell Wolka, James Cain and Michael Bearman. Missing from picture is Steve Bieda.

Taking second place honors were (from the left) Bill Snider, Larry White, Kathy Freeland, Lawrence Sekulich and William Brandimore. Missing: Steve Bieda.

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Opportunities Await Careful Shoppers

by Ken Bressett

The current hyperactive coin market has caused many collectors to wonder if there are any real bargains left in any area of the hobby. Cherry-picking, that is to say the art of finding coins that are undervalued, is one of the enjoyable aspects of searching for unusual items. Everyone aspires to beat the odds in selecting great coins at reasonable prices.

Are there any such bargains left? We think there are. Finding them takes thought, effort and sometimes a little good luck, but there still are many coins that seem to us to be undervalued when compared to the rest of the market.

Take a good look at commemorative coins, for instance. While nearly all other U.S. coins have been going up in value over the past four years, these have remained steady, or even gone down in some instances. This is especially true of commemorative coins in the range of MS-63 or 64 where they are priced substantially lower than the only slightly better grade of MS-65. A true collector can get as much — or more – enjoyment out of assembling a set of these interesting coins in MS-64 grade as in owning only a few MS-67 pieces for the same investment.

The educational value of such a set, and the admiration it brings when shown to non-collector friends, far out ways the compensation of owning only a few investment coins.

Examples of these price divergences can be seen graphically in coins like the 1936 Gettysburg that sells for about $700 in MS-65 and drops to $450 in MS-64. The same coin will cost $1,000 or more in MS-66. An MS-66 example of the Arkansas-Robinson half dollar will cost about $1,200, but you can often find MS-64 examples under $200.

Whether your goal is to accumulate trophy coins in highest grade, or a full set in slightly less attractive MS-63 or 64, this seems like an opportune time to explore the series for bargains. The coins are not only colorful and interesting, they rekindle an appreciation for history and artistry that is not seen in other United States coins.

This series will not go unnoticed by investors forever. Now is the time to investigate these coins while prices are still low!

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N-U-M-I-S-M-A-T-I-S-T

by Amanda Rondot

Numismatist. What a strange word! Few people know what it means, and even fewer can actually pronounce it. "Now," the uninitiated may ask themselves, "what exactly is a numismatist? And what makes one so special compared to, say, a bobbing-head-doll collector?" Ah, here we have struck deeply into the heart of the matter. "Numismatist." What does it mean?

Ultimately, there is no easy answer to this question, no "one-size-fits-all" solution. What separates a numismatist from the ordinary masses? I mean, many people collect coins, right? Take, for example, Aunt Betty. She saves every state quarter she has ever received. She's a numismatist, correct? What about Uncle Joe? He saves his spare change from his travels around the world. Is he a numismatist, too? Or is there more to this word than meets the eye?

Maybe earning the title of numismatist involves a little more than this. Let's examine the difference between a mere collector and a numismatist in greater detail. The average, ordinary, run of the mill collector knows very little about coins. He or she is more of an accumulator, really, than a collector, mainly pulling random coins out of circulation because they're old (wheaties) or new (Sacagaweas). Once found, the coins are stashed away in a piggy bank, on a dresser, or in a jewelry box, never again to see the light of day, while the new owner merrily continues about other, more pressing business matters.

Instead, the numismatist carefully selects the coins worthy of holding a place in his collection, whether they are ordinary or rare. Like the common collector, he often acquires coins from circulation, but keeps only those needed for his collection, not everything he encounters. As our numismatist advances, he begins to spend money at coin shows, at auctions, or at his dealer's to acquire the objects he desires, as the want slowly turns into a need. But just how does our numismatist know what coins are still needed for his collection?

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Maybe for a mere collector, but not for a numismatist. The fun is just beginning – it's time to hit the books! Though an astute numismatist performs research prior to purchasing his prize, there is still plenty more to do once the item is had. And, oh! If the numismatist has never seen that fascinating _____ (insert appropriate numismatic item) before, the curiosity is overwhelming. The itch must be scratched, the fever assuaged. The numismatist must learn what he owns: the who, the what, the where, then when, the why, and the how of the piece. So off he goes to search, to read, to study.

Amazingly, there's still more to being a numismatist. Whereas the accumulator isolates himself from other people, making the coins themselves the be-all and the end-all of his attention, the numismatist knows that the coins are but one component in the overall collecting experience; just as vital is the fellowship aspect. Through participating in club meetings, by attending shows, from the search for information, the numismatist slowly acquires contacts in the hobby. Over time, with a bit of effort and a dose of good luck, some of these acquaintances evolve into friendships, many lifelong. Age differences no longer matter and distance has no great importance as our numismatist begins to unite with others in the pursuit of a single goal: to have fun collecting!

Tenuously the numismatist holds his grip on reality, or so his non-collecting friends insist. At first, perhaps a little naively, he attempts to share his fun by showing them his prized numismatic possessions. Somehow, though, these people are only momentarily interested, if at all. The coin's magic doesn't work for them! How can this be?!? Frantically our numismatist attempts to convey his excitement to these uninitiated friends. However, after numerous instances of hearing the numismatist eagerly exclaim, "Guess what I bought!," knowing that the answer is a new item for his collection, the friends just begin to slowly shake their heads and sigh as they abandon all hope for the numismatist's sanity. What is our numismatist to do now?

Imagination is the key! Our numismatist doesn't let those naysayers bring him down; he'll just go and have fun collecting without them. Besides, should anyone ever be interested, there are always tons of cool coin games to play – coin bingo!...coin jeopardy!...name that coin!...pin the shield on the eagle! – the list goes on and on, limited only by the numismatist's ingenuity and, of course, his wallet.

Still, all this action may start to overwhelm the numismatist. Oftentimes it's nice to just go home and relax with some coins or a good numismatic book, letting nothing and no one disturb the tranquility. After all, everybody needs some quality time to unwind from the hustle and bustle of daily life, even the most ardent numismatist. That's why the liberty to choose what and how to collect is such a wonderful art of this hobby.

There you have it, my friends, the essence of a numismatist! Any questions?

Business Briefs

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Heritage Numismatic Auctions, Inc. (HNAI) and Heritage Senior Cataloger Mark Borckardt have won a Special Achievement Award from the Early American Coppers organization (EAC) for work on the catalog of the Wes Rasmussen Collection of U. S. Large Cents.

The Rasmussen collection was sold at an auction in January during the Florida United Numismatists (FUN) convention.

"This Special Achievement Award is one that we've only given out three or four times in the past ten years," said EAC board member Charles Davis.

"The Rasmussen catalog was an exciting project to work on, and I'm extremely pleased with this award, which I've accepted on behalf of myself and all my colleagues at Heritage," Borckardt commented. "It's both a pleasure and an honor to know that this effort has been so well received."

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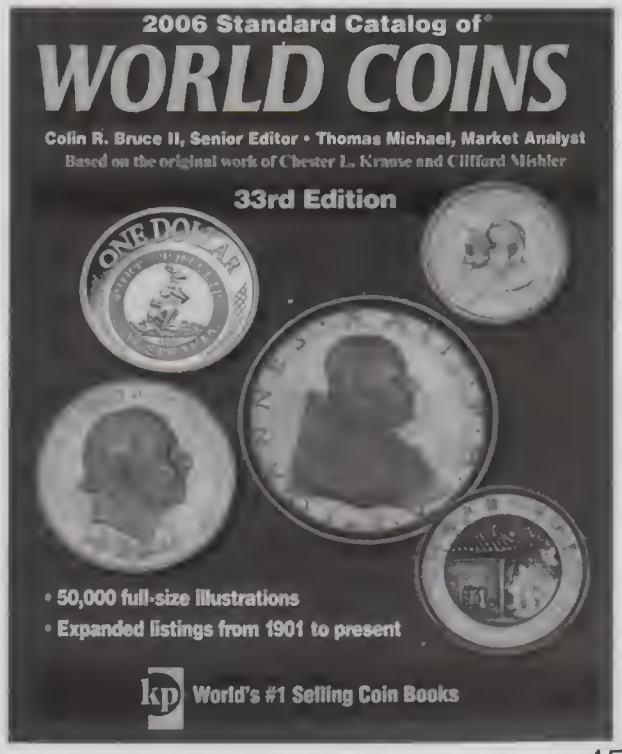
More than a million coin values and 50,000 full-size illustrations grace the pages of the *2006 Standard Catalog of World Coins* recently released by Krause Publications. Dedicated to giving collectors the most comprehensive information on the world coin market, the 33rd edition covers nearly every coin produced from 1901 to the present.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2. CSNS will provide up to $250 annually to each club in matching funds. In total, CSNS will provide $1,000 annually for this program, providing adequate funds are available.

3. The club must submit a letter to the CSNS Education Committee for review. The letter shall contain information as to the names of the schools and/or public libraries that would be the beneficiaries, items to be purchased and the estimated cost of the items.

4. Both Amos Press (*Coin World*) and Krause Publications (*Numismatic News*) have agreed to provide pricing discounts for this program.

5. Upon approval by the CSNS Education Committee, a letter from CSNS will be sent to the club notifying it that it has ninety (90) days in which to complete the project.

6. The club must provide CSNS documentation, such as receipts, for the acquisitions, along with evidence the material has been placed in libraries.

7. CSNS will then reimburse the club 50% of the purchase total, up to $250. Grants will be based on need and overall requests for support. It is possible an amount less than $250 will be authorized.

8. CSNS will consider requests on a first-come, first-served basis. Should a waiting list be necessary, requests will be considered during subsequent years in order of receipt.

9. In reviewing applications, the Education Committee will give consideration to a library's need for numismatic literature and the type of material requested. Narrowly focused material will be given lower priority than will be given basic numismatic literature.

10. Requests should be directed to: Education Committee, c/o Marvin Mericle, PO Box 26, Prairie Creek, IN 47869. Phone: 812-898-1260; e-mail: marv626@att.net.

VISIT THE CSNS WEBSITE
www.centralstates.info

Speakers Bureau

The Central States Numismatic Society offers the following list of qualified speakers who are willing to present programs on a variety of numismatic topics. These individuals will present talks at coin shows, club banquets, service club functions or similar events. All speakers appear on a "no fee" basis; however reimbursement for travel and lodging is appropriate. If your organization wishes to engage a speaker, use the contact information that follows.

Bill Brandimore, 1009 Nina Ave., Wausau, WI 54401. Current CSNS vice president. Will speak on general paper money topics.

Brian E. Fanton, PO Box 81, Hiawatha, IA 52233-0081. Ph. 319-294-4377. Past CSNS governor. Programs on grading, boy and girl scout merit badge programs, slabbing, the "art of coin collecting," and general numismatic topics.

Kevin Foley, PO Box 589, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Ph. 414-421-3498. Past president of CSNS, major show organizer. Programs on U. S. paper money, including national bank notes, fractional currency, large size notes and obsolete currency.

Robert Hatfield, 8728 Huron, Taylor, MI 48180. Ph. 313-292-8321. Past CSNS governor. Programs on medals and tokens, obsolete currency, ancient Roman coins, seated Liberty coins and general numismatic topics.

Leon Hendrickson, PO Box 424, Winchester, IN 47394. Ph. 317-584-7481. Past CSNS president, owner of SilverTowne. Programs on general numismatic topics.

Jerry Lebo, PO Box 841, Logansport, IN 46947. Ph. 574-753-2489. Current CSNS secretary/treasurer, past president of Indianapolis Coin Club. Programs on general numismatic topics.

Ray Lockwood, 2075 E. Bocock Rd., Marion, IN 46952. Ph. 765-664-6520. Past president of CSNS and of Indiana State Numismatic Association. Programs on bimetallic coins, "birth year' collecting, and topics of interest to YNs.

Marvin Mericle, PO Box 26, Prairie Creek, IN 47869. Current CSNS president. Will speak on Military Payment Certificates and general paper money topics.

Harry Tileston, 901 Farmingham Rd., Louisville, KY 40242. Ph. 502-244-2555. Past president of CSNS and of Kentucky State Numismatic Association. Programs on U. S. type collecting, U. S. token collecting, and foreign coins.

CSNS
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
— SUMMER 2007 —

The President and Board of Governors of the Central States Numismatic Society are pleased to announce the availability of an Adult Scholarship and a Young Numismatist Scholarship for Society members to attend the Summer Seminar educational program of the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Summer Seminar is a week-long series of educational lectures held each year at ANA headquarters and the campus of Colorado College. Award includes tuition, room and board, as well as coach class airfare from the airport nearest the awardee's place of legal residence. The approximate value of the award is $1,000. Applicants should apply by letter and will be judged primarily on the basis of past contributions to organized numismatics. Examples of activities considered to enhance an application include service as a local, regional, or national numismatic organization officer; publication of numismatically related articles; a history of exhibiting at coin shows and other numismatic exhibitions; as well as service on the staff of local, regional, or national coin shows or numismatic conventions. Applications should be submitted prior to September 1, 2006.

For information about Scholarships contact:

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Devils Lake, ND 58301
Ph. 701-662-5770

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Coin Club Meetings

The following roster of CSNS member coin clubs is published for the convenience of collectors visiting the Central States area who may wish to attend a local club meeting. Individuals are urged to phone or e-mail ahead to confirm meeting times and locations.

ILLINOIS

Central Illinois Numismatic Association (CINA)...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Thursday eaeh month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, North Couneil #4175, 2801 West St., Springfield, IL. (No meetings in August or Deeember.) Contaet: Steve Butler, 217-528-7634.

Indian Hill Coin Club...meets the 2nd Wednesday eaeh month, 8:00 p.m. at the Avon Township Hall on Washington St. in Round Lake Park, IL. Contaet: Mike Hanninen, 847-872-2725.

Lake County Coin Club...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Tuesday eaeh month at the Warren-Newport Library, 224 No. O'Plaine Road (just No. of Washington St.), Gurnee, IL. (No meetings if 1st Tuesday eonfliets with major holiday.) Contaet: Les Hannula, 847-662-1955.

Oak Forest Numismatic Society...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Thursday eaeh month at Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. Contaet: Howard Ribbentrop, 708-687-2919; e-mail: dianhow@aol.eom.

Rockford Area Coin Club...meets at 6:30 p.m. the 3rd Thursday eaeh month at the Loves Park Library, 6340 No. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL. Contaet: Don Smith, 815-624-0422; web/info: http://www.exonumia.eom/raee.htm.

Will County Coin Club...meets at 7:30 p.m. the 1st Thursday eaeh month at Ramada Inn Limited, I-80 & Houbolt Road, Joliet, IL. Contaet: Mark Wieelaw, 815-485-4137.

INDIANA

Calumet Numismatic Society...meets in Highland, IN on the 3rd Wednesday eaeh month at the Highland Publie Library, 2841 Jewett St. (No meetings in January or February.) Contaet: Mrs. Daisy Talley, seeretary/treasurer, 219-942-1349.

Logansport Coin Club...meets on the 3rd Wednesday eaeh month at 7:00 p.m. at the Logansport Publie Library, 7th & Broadway, Logansport, IN. Contaet: Dave Colford, 574-753-9887.

Attention Club Officials

Would you like to see news of your club's aetivities covered in *The Centinel*? The Editor welcomes news of elub happenings in the Central States region. Information on your upcoming eoin show, eleetion of new offieers, numismatic aeeomplishments of your members and community projeets sponsored by your club are only a few examples of news your fellow numismatists would like to read about.

You are invited to send your elub news to the Editor, along with photographs to make your story more interesting.

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Marion Coin Club...meets the 1st Monday each month at 6:30 p.m. – except August and September – at the Marion Public Library, 600 So. Washington St., Marion, IN. Contact: Ray Lockwood, 765-664-6520, or e-mail: sunrayofmarion@aol.com.

Muncie Coin & Stamp Club...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday each month at the Minnestria Cultural Center (on Minnestria Parkway, just off Wheeling Ave.) Contact: Ray Saylor, 765-288-0371.

Old Fort Coin Club...meets every 2nd Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne, IN. Contact: 260-482-9890.

Wabash Valley Coin Club...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 4th Tuesday each month at the Vigo County Library, corner of 7th & Poplar, Terre Haute, IN. Contact: Marvin Mericle, 812-898-1260, or e-mail: marv626@att.net.

IOWA

Ames Coin Club...meets the last Wednesday each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Heartland Senior Citizen Center, 205 Walnut. Contact: Scott Nichols, 515-232-9222 or 515-291-8352.

Cedar Rapids Coin Club...meets the 3rd Wednesday each month – except June and July – at Papich-Kuba Annex, 1300 Second St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA. Contact: Dean Parr, 319-366-0552, or e-mail: drparr@aol.com. Website: www.money.org/clubs/crcc/index.html.

KANSAS

Johnson County Numismatic Society...meets at 7:15 p.m. the 3rd Thursday each month at the Lenexa Community Center, Pflumm Road at Santa Fe Trail Drive, Lenexa, KS. (No meeting – coin show only – in October.) Contact: Mark McWherter, 913-649-7070 (days) or 913-764-0386 (evenings).

Salina Coin Club...meets the 2nd Thursday each month at the VFW Post #1432, 1108 W. Crawford St., Salina, KS except for picnic in Sept., coin show in Oct., and party in Dec. Contacts: Larry Hower, 785-452-9331; Joe Ayotte, 785-825-0706.

KENTUCKY

Louisville Coin Club...meets the 3rd Sunday each month – except December – at 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 2nd & Broadway, Louisville, KY. Contact: Harry Tileston, 502-244-2555.

MICHIGAN

Dearborn Coin Club...meets the 1st Tuesday of September thru June at the Ross McFadden House in Dearborn, MI. (No meetings in July or August.) Contact: 313-563-6437.

Kalamazoo Numismatic Club...meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., at the Westminster Presbyterian Church (children's choir room), 1515 Helen St., Kalamazoo, MI. (Auctions on 2nd Wed.; educational programs on 4th. No 4th Wed. meetings in Nov. & Dec.) Contact: Roxanne Nigg, 269-349-5383.

Lincoln Coin Club...meets 2nd & 4th Mondays (except on major holidays) at the Polish Falcons Meeting Hall, Toledo-Dix, in Southgate, MI. Contact: Troy Haarala, 313-381-1287.

Northwest Detroit Coin Club...meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. (No meetings during summer months.) Contact: Donald F. Priebe, 734-425-9225.

The **Polish American Numismatic Society**...meets at 1:30 p.m. on the 1st Saturday of each month at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road (at Dequindre), Troy, MI. Contact: Les Rosik, PANS President, 248-909-2670.

MINNESOTA

College City Coin Club...meets the 1st Wednesday each month, 7:30 p.m. at

the Northfield Community Center, Senior Citizens Hall, 1651 Jefferson Pky., Northfield, MN. Contact: Jerry Swanson, 507-289-5099.

Owatonna Coin & Stamp Club...meets the 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Place, Park & Rec. Dept., 500 Dunnell Dr., Owatonna, MN. (No meetings in July, August or December.) Contact: Dean Jirousek, 507-455-2484.

Rochester Area Coin Club...meets the last Wednesday each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center, Rooms 2A & B, 101 – 4th St. SE, Rochester, MN. Contact: Jerry Swanson, 507-289-5099.

NEBRASKA

Lincoln Coin Club...meets the 2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Hampton Inn So., 5922 Vandervoort Dr. (59th & Old Cheney Road (behind Lazlow's), Lincoln, NE. Contact: Barry Nowak, 402-483-4499.

Omaha Coin Club...meets the 3rd Friday with YN meeting at 7:00 p.m. and regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Paralyzed Veterans of America, 7612 Maple St., Omaha, NE. Contact: Ron Matson, 402-895-7715.

NORTH DAKOTA

Capital City Coin Club...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of September thru May at the Bismarck Public Library, Bismarck, ND. Contacts: Larry Schneider, 701-258-9438 or capitalcitycoinclub@bis.midco.net.

Red River Valley Coin Club...meets from Labor Day to Memorial Day (no summer meetings) every 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., at the Moorhead (MN) Public Library, 118 – 5th St. So. Contact: Bill O'Brien, PO Box 10731, Fargo, ND 58106; 701-239-4827.

OHIO

CNS / COINS (Columbus)...meets the 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Grandview High School cafeteria. (Picnic in August; Christmas dinner in December.) Contact: Evan Brill, secretary, 614-451-5055.

WISCONSIN

Kenosha Coin Club...meets the 1st Thursday each month (no meetings in July and August), 7:00 p.m. at Kenosha Union Hall, 3030 – 39th Ave., Kenosha, WI. Contact: Jerry Binsfeld, 262-657-4653 (days); 262-654-6272 (nights).

Milwaukee Numismatic Society...meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday at Mayfair Mall Community Room, 2500 No. Mayfair Rd. in Wauwatosa, WI. (Use entrance #2 on east side of mall). Contact: Bruce Benoit, 414-282-8128; e-mail: benwab@sbcglobal.net.

Nicolet Coin Club...meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. at Stein Supper Club, 126 So. Adams, Green Bay, WI. Contact: Don Long, 920-468-7760.

Ozaukee Coin Club...meets at 7:00 p.m. on 2nd Thursday at Rose Harms Legion Post, 1540 – 13th Ave., Grafton, WI. Contact: John Helm, 262-376-9503, PO Box 832, Cedarburg, WI 53012.

Racine Numismatic Society...meets the 2nd Thursday each month (no meetings in July and August), 7:00 p.m. at Castlewood Restaurant, 2815 Wisconsin St. (across from Amtrak Depot), Sturtevant, WI. Contact: Jerry Binsfeld, 262-657-4653 (days); 262-654-6272 (nights).

South Shore Coin Club...meets at 7:30 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except no meetings in July and August) at St. Roman's Church Annex, 1710 W. Bolivar Ave., Milwaukee, WI. Contact: Bruce Benoit, 414-282-8128; e-mail: benwab@sbcglobal.net.

Waukesha Coin Club...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Wednesday at the Waukesha Salvation Army office, 445 Madison St., Waukesha, WI. Contact: Forrest Schumacher, 262-524-3227; e-mail: fschumacher@wi.rr.com.

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Show Calendar

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Show Officials: Send complete information regarding your coming event to The Centinel *well in advance - 6 to 18 months - and include dates, official name, sponsoring club name, location and address, and contact person's name, mailing and/or e-mail address, and telephone/fax number to the Editor, P.O. Box 296, Iola, WI 54945.*

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Sheboygan Falls, WI — Sept. 24
Annual Fall Club Coin Show. Municipal Hall, 375 Buffalo St. Contact: Ed Rautmann, PO Box 907, Sheboygan, WI 53082. 920-893-5874.

Sioux Falls, SD — Sept. 24-25
Great Plains Coin Club's Annual Coin & Stamp Show. W. C. Lyons Fairgrounds Armory Bldg., 400 W. 12th St. Larry J. Muehl, PO Box 1091, Sioux Falls, SD 57101. 605-335-1910.

Cincinnati, OH — Sept. 30-Oct. 2
22nd Annual Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Expo. Sharonville Convention Ctr., I-75 (exit 15). Paul Padget, 7641 E. Reinhold Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45237. 513-821-2143.

Duluth, MN — Oct. 1
Twin Ports Coin Club's 1st Annual Show. Radisson Hotel, 505 W. Superior St. Contact: Bill Jahn, PO Box 161691, Duluth, MN 55816. 507-455-1877, or twinportscoinclub@yahoo.com.

Bloomfield, IN — Oct. 1
Green Cty. Coin Club Show. 4-H Fairgrounds, Hwy. 54W. Contact: Bill Stogsdill, PO Box 5906, Bloomington, IN 47407. 812-339-1724.

Faribault, MN — Oct. 1
College City Coin Club's Annual Fall Coin & Stamp Show. Faribo West Mall, 200 Western Ave. Contact: Glenn Behrens, 9176 — 135th St. East, Nerstrand, MN 55053. 507-645-4071.

Logansport, IN — Oct. 2
51st Annual Fall Coin Club Show. Holiday Inn, 3550 E. Market St. Contact: Dave Colford, PO Box 1364, Logansport, IN 46947. 574-753-9887.

Milwaukee, WI — Oct. 2
Milwaukee Numismatic Society's Annual One-Day Coin Show. American Serb Memorial Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave. Contact: David Hunsicker, 248 So. 7th Ave., West Bend, WI 53095-3221. 262-338-6064.

Royal Oak, MI — Oct. 2
Fall Coin Club Show. Community Senior Ctr., 3500 Marias Rd. Contact: Ken Rama, PO Box 445, Royal Oak, MI 48068. 586-727-1790.

Lenexa, KS — Oct. 8-9
Johnson County Numismatic Society's 37th Annual Coin, Stamp & Card Show. Community Center, Pflumm Rd. at Santa Fe Trail Dr. Contact: Mark McWherter, 1107 E. Northview St., Olathe, KS 66061. 913-649-7070 (work) or 913-764-0386 (home).

Cedar Rapids, IA — Oct. 8-9
Iowa Numismatic Association's 67th Annual Show & Convention, hosted by Cedar Rapids Coin Club Crown Plaza Five Seasons Hotel, 350 — 1st Ave. NE. Contact: Dave Vaughn, 319-366-5463, PO Box 2277, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406, or Brian Fanton, 319-294-4377.

Brooklyn Center, MN — Oct. 14-16
Minn. Organization of Numismatists (MOON) Convention. Earle Brown Heritage Ctr., 6155 Earle Brown Dr. Contact: Jay Darby, PO Box 7323, Rochester, MN 55903. 507-250-5787.

Green Bay, WI — Oct. 16
Nicolet Coin Club's Fall Coin Show. Rock Garden / Comfort Suites, 1951 Bond St. Roger A. Bohn, 1345 Ponderosa Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313. 920-499-7035.

St. Louis, MO — Oct. 20-22
St. Louis Silver Dollar & Rare Coin Expo. Greater St. Charles Convention Ctr., 1 Convention Ctr. Plaza. Contact: Julie Woodside, 11262 Olive Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141. 314-692-2646.

Monroeville, PA — Oct. 21-23
Fall PAN (PA Assn. of Numismatists) Coin Show. Pittsburgh Expomart, Rt. 22 (PA Turnpike Exit 57, old Exit 6). Contact: John Paul Sarosi, 106 Market St., Johnstown, PA 15901. 814-535-5766.

Muskegon, MI — Oct. 22
Muskegon Coin Club's Fall Coin Show. Roberts Hall, 4095 Grand Haven Rd. Butch Coulier, 9359 Besser Ct., Montague, MI 49437. 231-893-0922.

Cedarburg, WI — Oct. 23
Ozaukee Coin Club's 1st Annual Coin Show. Circle B Recreation, 6261 Hwy. 60 (3 1/2 miles West of I-43), Cedarburg. Show contacts: Nels Olsen, 262-376-5182, or John Helm, 262-376-9503.

Evansville, IN — Oct. 23
Evansville Coin Club Show. C. K. Newsome Center, 100 E. Walnut St. Contact: Darrell Watkins, 1618 No. Elm, Henderson, KY 42420. 270-827-0445.

Petersburg, IN — Oct. 29
So. Western IN Coin & Currency Club's 2nd Annual Show. St. Peter & Paul Parrish Hall, 207 So. 7th St. Contact: Chap Evans, PO Box 151, Petersburg, IN 47567. 812-354-3403.

Portland, OR — Oct. 29-30
Pacific NW Numismatic Assn. & the Willamette Coin Club hosting 1st Annual Mini-Con & Coin Show. Doubletree Portland Lloyd Center Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah. Contact: Scott Loos, bourse chm., 425-831-8789, or Larry Gaye, general chm., 503-579-6416.

Gurnee, IL — Oct. 30
Indian Hill Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. American Legion Post #771, 749 Milwaukee Ave. Contact: Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Ave., Zion, IL 60099. 847-872-2725.

Rochester, MN — Oct. 30
Rochester Area Coin Club's Annual Fall Southern MN Coin & Stamp Show. Comfort Inn Conference Center, 1625 So. Broadway. Contact: Jerry Swanson, PO Box 565, Rochester, MN 55903. 507-289-5099.

Elgin, IL — Oct. 30
Elgin Coin Club's 43rd Annual Coin Show. VFW Post 1307, 1601 Weld Rd. Contact: Don Cerny, PO Box 561, Elgin, IL 60177. 847-888-1449.

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Honolulu, HI — Nov. 4-6
Hawaii State Numismatic Association's Annual Convention. Hawaii Convention Center. Contact: Marion Kendrick, PO Box 477, Honolulu, HI 96809. 808-486-4766.

Indianapolis, IN — Nov. 4-5
Indiana State Numismatic Association's 47th Annual Coin Show. New Liberty Hall, Marriott Hotel, 7202 E. 21st & Shadeland Ave. Contact: Joyce Fischer, 1123 W. 8th St., Anderson, IN 46016. 765-649-0253. E-mail: kycolonels@insightbb.com.

Kenosha, WI — Nov. 5
47th Annual Kenosha Coin Club Show. Union Club, 3030 — 39th Ave. Contact: Jerry Binsfeld, 6040 — 39th Ave., Ste. 7, Kenosha, WI 53142. 262-657-4653.

Kalamazoo, MI — Nov. 5
Kalamazoo Coin Club's Annual Fall Show. Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, County Center Bldg., Room E, 2900 Lake St. Contact: Roxanne Nigg, 2333 Hillsdale Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49006. 269-349-5383.

Livonia, MI — Nov. 6
Northwest Detroit Coin Club Fall Show. Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Rd. Contact: Donald F. Priebe, 16701 Yorkshire, Livonia, MI 48154. 734-425-9225.

Windsor, Ontario, Canada — Nov. 13
Windsor Coin Club Annual Fall Show. Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave., Windsor, Ont., Canada. Contact: M. Clarke, mclarke@wincom.net, 519-735-0727.

St. Louis, MO — Nov. 16-19
20th Annual National & World Paper Money Convention. St. Louis Airport Hilton Hotel. Contact: Kevin Foley, 414-421-3484.

Fargo, ND — Nov. 19
Red River Valley Coin Club Show. Doublewood Inn, 3333 — 13th Ave. So. Contact: Robert Hanna, 3626 Westmoor Dr., Moorhead, MN 56560. 701-239-4321.

Marietta, OH — Nov. 19-20
Parkersburg Coin Club Show. Comfort Inn, 700 Pike St., I-77 & Rt. 7. Contact: Timothy E. Miller, 4407 Powell St., Parkersburg, WV 26104. 304-422-4375.

Dearborn, MI — Nov. 25-27
Michigan State Numismatic Society's 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving Convention. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1 Fairlane Dr. Contact: Don Charters, PO Box 87931, Canton, MI 48187. 734-721-4991.

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Mattoon Coin Club's 61st Coin Show. Burgess-Osbourne Auditorium, 1701 Wabash Ave. Contact: Bob Ohm, PO Box 143. Mattoon, IL 61938. 217-234-2585.

Iowa City, IA — Dec. 11
Old Capital Coin Club's Annual Show. Quality Inn, 2525 No. Dodge St. Contact: Thomas D. Robertson, PO Box 3003, Iowa City, IA 52246. 319-351-2512.

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Orlando, FL — Jan. 5-8, 2006
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NY International Numismatic Convention. Waldorf Astoria Hotel, 301 Park Ave. Contact: Kevin Foley, 414-421-3484.

Muncie, IN — Jan. 22, 2006
Muncie Coin & Stamp Club's 48th Annual Show. Horizon Convention Center, 401 So. High St. Contact: Ray Saylor, PO Box 1184, Muncie, IN 47305. 765-288-0371.

Houston, TX — Jan. 27-29, 2006
49th Annual "Money Show of the Southwest." George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de las Americas. Contact: Carl Schwenker, 281-586-9727.

Rockford, IL — Feb. 29, 2006
Rockford Area Coin Club's 99th Semi-Annual Coin Show. Hoffman House/Holiday Inn, 7550 E. State St. Contact: Don Smith, 100 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072. 815-624-0422.

Franksville, WI — Feb. 26, 2006
48th Annual Numismatic Society Show. So. Hills Country Club, Frontage Rd. (E. side of I-94). Contact: Jerry Binsfeld, 6040 — 39th Ave., Ste 7, Kenosha, WI 53142. 262-657-4653.

Rosemont, IL — Mar. 10-12, 2006
12th Annual Chicago Paper Money Expo. Crowne Plaza / Chicago O'Hare, 5440 No. River Rd. Contact: Kevin Foley, 414-421-3484.

Brookfield, WI — Mar. 12, 2006
Waukesha Coin Club's 37th Annual Show. American Legion Hall, 3245 No. 124th St. Contact: Forrest Schumacher, 262-542-3934.

Brooklyn Center, MN — Mar. 17-19, 2006
Northwest Coin Club's 72nd Annual Show. Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Dr. Contact: Lee Quast, Box 1301, High Ridge, MO 63049. 314-276-1162.

Marion, IN — Mar. 25, 2006
Marion Coin Club's 48th Annual Show. Grant County Fairgrounds, State Hwy. 18E. Contact: Ray Lockwood, 765-664-6520, or sunrayofmarion@aol.com.

Rosemont, IL — Mar. 31-Apr. 2, 2006
31st Annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF). Crowne Plaza / Chicago O'Hare, 5440 No. River Road. Contact: Kevin Foley, 414-421-3484.

Bloomington, IN — Apr. 1, 2006
Annual Bloomington Coin Club Show. Convention Center, 302 So. Walnut. Contact: Bill Stogsdill, PO Box 5906, Bloomington, IN 47407. 812-339-1724.

Lincoln, NE — Apr. 1-2, 2006
Lincoln Coin Club Annual Show. Best Western Villager Motel, 5200 "O" St. (402-464-9111). Show Chairman: Ron Busch, 7333 So. 35th St., Lincoln, NE 68516. 402-420-5232, pbusch@inebraska.com.

Dearborn, MI — Apr. 7-9, 2006
Michigan State Numismatic Society's Annual Spring Convention. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1 Fairlane Drive. Contact: Don Charters, PO Box 87931, Canton, MI 48187. 734-721-4991.

Atlanta, GA — Apr. 7-9, 2006
American Numismatic Association's "National Money Show." Cobb Galleria, 2 Galleria Parkway. Contact: ANA Convention Dept., 719-632-2646.

Sheboygan Falls, WI — Apr. 22, 2006
Annual Spring Coin Show. Municipal Hall, 375 Buffalo St. Contact: Ed Rautmann, PO Box 907, Sheboygan, WI 53082. 920-893-5874.

Columbus, OH — Apr. 26-29, 2006
67th Anniversary Convention of Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS). (PNG Day: Wed., Apr. 26th.) Bourse info: Jerry Lebo, PO Box 841, Logansport, IN 47949. 574-753-2489.

Monroeville, PA — May 12-14, 2006
Spring PAN (PA Assn. of Numismatists) Coin Show. Pittsburgh Expomart, Rt. 22, (PA Turnpike Exit 57, old Exit 6). John Paul Sarosi, 106 Market St., Johnstown, PA 15901. 814-535-5766.

Rosemont, IN — June 22-25, 2006
25th Annual MidAmerica Coin Expo. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. Contact: Kevin Foley, 414-421-3484.

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American Numismatic Association's 115th Anniversary Convention, "World's Fair of Money." Contact: Convention Dept., 719-632-2646.

Brooklyn Center, MN — Oct. 13-15, 2006
MN Organization of Numismatists (MOON) Annual Coin Show. Earle Brown Heritage Ctr., 6155 Earle Brown Dr. Contact: Jay Darby, PO Box 7323, Rochester, MN 55903. 507-202-3390.

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Indianapolis, IN — Nov. 3-4, 2006
Indiana State Numismatic Association's 48th Annual Show. New Liberty Hall, Marriott Hotel, 7202 E. 21st & Shadeland Ave. Contact: Joyce Fischer, 1123 W. 8th St., Anderson, IN 46016. 765-649-0253. E-mail: kycolonels@insightbb.com.

St. Louis, MO — Nov. 16-18, 2006
Annual National & World Paper Money Convention. Hilton Hotel-Airport, 10330 Natural Bridge Rd. Contact: Kevin Foley, 414-421-3484.

Dearborn, MI — Nov. 24-26, 2006
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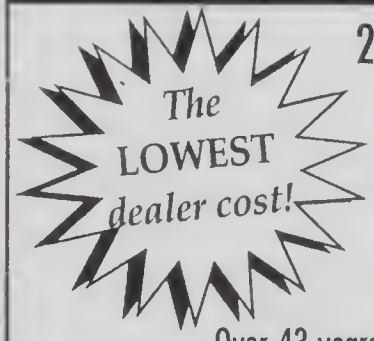

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St. Louis, MO — Nov. 15-17, 2007
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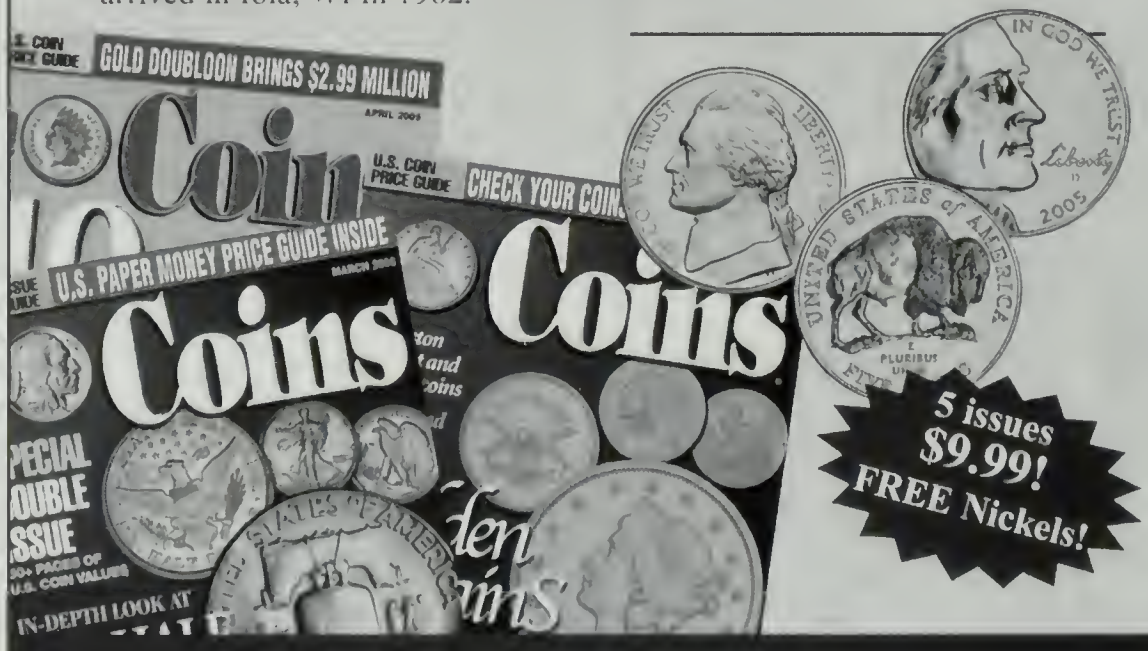

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